

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2012 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Rick Amodei, Mark Spears, Dave Moreau, Holly Mansfield

Guests: Amy Coloian, Louise Hara, David Freedman

Mosquito: Sara Hart

Meeting began at 6:00pm

Approval of Minutes for 5/16/12 and 7/10/12 Meetings:

Dave Moreau made the motion to approve the amended minutes for 5/16/12 meeting. Mark Spears seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Dave Moreau made the motion to approve the minutes of 7/10/12 meeting. Mark Spears seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Open Space & Recreation:

Louise and David attended the meeting to express to the Recreation Commission the need for our participation for the completion of the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OS&R). It is important that we state our needs for projected field use. Louise stated that we are missing back up numbers to support the need for additional fields in town. She asked that we review the OS&R plan from 5 years ago and make any necessary changes and/or additions.

The board will contact the various sport organizations and get an enrollment reports from 2008 to present. These numbers will support our need for additional fields in town.

Holly will also meet with Tim Goddard to review the ADA needs at the various recreational facilities and make the necessary changes to the report. Holly will also review the programming part of the report and update the list of "active" programs in the OS&R plan.

The board agreed to make this item a priority and bring the results to the next recreation meeting in October for review and vote.

Field Maintenance Contract:

We currently do not have an active contract for field maintenance. A list of current action items needs to be compiled to go out to bid.

Rick Amodei does not think that Dan Moseley is interested in continuing with the infield work on the fields. Dan stated that he is unable to properly maintain the fields with the quoted price in his contract.

Rick Amodei met with Peter Coletti, Russ Dion and Andrew Rodgers and it was agreed that we need to monitor the fields to assure that the work is being completed on the fields. A weekly list of action items needs to be in place as well as monitoring system to assure that the work is being done.

Concord is currently making a list of field maintenance items that will be addressed on a weekly basis. Russ Dion will get a copy of this list for our review.

Amy Coloian volunteered to be an Associate of the Recreation Commission and monitor the field maintenance items.

The mound at the Banta Davis Little League field is in rough shape and needs to be renovated. Mark Spears made the motion to allocate \$2000 from the Gift Account to renovate the mound at the Banta Davis Little League Field. Dave Moreau seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Banta Davis Update:

Mark Spears wants to meet with the School Committee to state the concern with how the Banta Davis housing project will impact school sports.

The Recreation Commission would also like to move forward with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to propose the bridge connecting Spalding to Banta Davis field.

The CPC laws have just changed and there is Recreation money in the CPC fund. The law now states that building on an existing facility is now acceptable under the new qualifications.

Rick will contact the Trails Committee for a joint effort in proposing the bridge to CPC.

Diment Park:

At the last meeting, Dave Moreau gave the five priority items to Dan Moseley for repair. Dave will follow up with Dan to confirm that the safety items have been addressed. Dave will also follow up on the mulch for the park.

Other:

Free Playground Equipment:

The school is currently storing their old playground equipment which recreation has agreed to use and install at another location.

Rick Amodei suggested that we contact the Parent's Connection for their input on the best location for this equipment. At the last meeting, we voted to spend up to \$500 to assist with installing the equipment at a new location.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th at 6:00pm. Please provide any ideas for the agenda. Currently on the agenda we have the following:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from 9/5/12
- 2) Open Space & Recreation / Five Year Plan
- 3) Field Maintenance Contract Renewal
- 4) Diment Park Maintenance Plan
- 5) School Playground Structures

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm